

May 16, 2018

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held at the Trivium Corporate Center Entrance Located at 2369 Startown Road, Newton, NC on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Brad Lail	Hank Guess	David L. Williams
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Communications and Marketing Manager Dana Kaminske, Communications Specialist Sarah Killian, and Executive Assistant Deisy Zavala Vazquez.

Catawba County Commissioners present were: Chair, Randy Isenhower, Barbara Beatty, Kitty Barnes, Sherry Butler, and Dan Hunsucker

Others present: Mike Finley, Field Representative, NW Regional Office of U.S. Senator Richard Burr and James Estes, Regional Representative Office of U.S. Senator Thom Tillis

I. Welcome & Introduction – President Scott Millar, Economic Development Corporation

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President, Scott Millar welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He reminded the attendees of the rich history of the land and the various uses for this area. Mr. Millar shared his amazement over the fact that there have only been three title changes since the initial purchase of the land in 1764. Mr. Millar added that the land has had three different chapters. He explained that the first chapter began with the purchase of the land in 1764. The second chapter started when Jersey Cattle were brought to the land and introduced to the area, stimulating economic growth and providing opportunities for Catawba County residents. Mr. Millar added that the Lutz family land would continue to stimulate the economy and promote economic growth in the area in their third chapter as the location for the Trivium Corporate Center.

II. Remarks

Mayor Hank Guess, Catawba County Commissioner Randy Isenhower, Mike Finley, Field Representative, NW Regional Office of U.S. Senator Richard Burr and James Estes, Regional Representative Office of U.S. Senator Thom Tillis

Mr. Millar introduced the first speaker, Mayor Hank Guess. Mayor Guess thanked everyone present and recognized the City Council Members and Catawba County Commissioners. Mayor Guess added that the Trivium Corporate Center would not have been possible without the late Mayor Rudy Wright and his guidance and support through the initial process. Mayor Guess then reminded the group of the extensive process they went through to get there, starting with the passing of the bond referendum and through the formation of the Trivium Corporate Center Board, which led to the groundbreaking. Mayor Guess concluded by thanking the Lutz Family and all of the staff members who helped make the event possible.

Mr. Millar introduced Catawba County Commissioner, Chair Randy Isenhower.

Chair Isenhower told the group that the Trivium Corporate Center project has the full support of Catawba County and they are dedicated to giving Catawba County the right tools to help the economy develop. Chair Isenhower reminded the group that they were in a very unique area with a variety of resources around them. He added that Catawba County is a great place to be because they were “Making. Working. Living. Better.”

Mr. Millar introduced Mike Finley, Field Representative for the NW Regional Office of U.S. Senator Richard Burr. Mr. Finley thanked the City for inviting him and stated that Senator Richard Burr was currently in Washington, DC and was disappointed he could not attend. Mr. Finley said that after the recession, he had the opportunity to travel to 24 counties in North Carolina on behalf of Senator Burr. A lot of those counties are still struggling so Mr. Finley was happy to see that Catawba County took matters into their own hands and is currently working on creating a thriving economic future for the County.

Mr. Millar introduced James Estes, Regional Representative from the Office of U.S. Senator Thom Tillis. Mr. Estes said Senator Thom Tillis was in Washington, D.C. and regretted that he could not attend. Mr. Estes presented Mayor Guess and Chair Isenhower with an American flag, which was flown over the U.S. Capitol, to display at Trivium Corporate Center.

City Council Members, Catawba County Commissioners, Trivium Corporate Center Board, and the Lutz family took turns shoveling dirt for the ceremonious groundbreaking.

Mr. Millar thanked everyone again for attending.

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III. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Mayor

Executive Assistant to the City Manager